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**JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

March 4, 2010
Judicial Building
1111 E. Court Avenue, Room 165
Des Moines, Iowa

Present: Jim Morris (Presiding), Andrew Allen, Christy Burkhart, Stephen Clarke, Todd Johnson, Vernon Johnson, Karen Jones, Molly McAndrew, Tony Reed, Lori Rinehart, Rachelle Schrader, Linda Svoboda, John Wauters

Staff: Paul Stageberg, Kile Beisner, Dave Kuker, Steve Michael, Scott Musel, Julie Rinker-Lind, Eric Sage

Absent: Geoff Abelson, Verne Armstrong, Elia Cardenas, Wayne Clinton, Nicole Engelbart, Rita Ferneau, Paul Kraus, Jackson Selk, Carl Smith, Steve Smith, Marvin Spencer

I. Call to Order

Rev. Jim Morris, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Changes and Approval of Agenda – Action

Morris announced a change to the Agenda to discuss the formal adoption of the position papers. This topic was inserted as Item IX. The revised agenda was unanimously adopted.

II. DMC Resource Center History

Dave Kuker provided a history of the DMC Resource Center concept under contract since 2002 with the University of Iowa, Resource Center for Family Centered Practice (RCFFCP). A six-month contract extension (January-June, 2010) for technical assistance was issued and received by the University of Iowa on January 4, 2010—it has not yet been signed. Kuker wanted the group to be aware of the matter and to think about how they wished to proceed regarding payment for services—an option would be to prorate payment. Paul Stageberg, Division Administrator, added that the contract language makes it clear that money could not be spent until the contract was signed and returned.

Scott Musel noted that as a result of the contract discussions within the various sub-committees and the Council, it became clear that there may be some confusion regarding what the DMC Resource Center 'is'.

The University of Iowa did not have a DMC Resource Center until we contracted with them for services through their Resource Center for Family Centered Practice. Since several members have been appointed since 2002, he wanted to clarify that information. The minutes from the last meeting reflect that discussions regarding the DMC Resource Center are with the University of Iowa, RCFFCP, and that the RFP is to seek bids from other entities to continuing providing the same services—technical assistance and data collection—through a DMC Resource Center concept.

III. Approve Minutes – Action

A motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting was made by John Wauters, seconded by Molly McAndrew. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Division Update

Legislative Session Update

Paul Stageberg reviewed current legislation related to the reorganization of the Department of Human Rights. The number of divisions would be reduced from nine to three—Community Action, Advocacy & Client Services, and CJJP. Division administrators would no longer be appointed by the Governor; appointments would be made by the department director. The reorganization should make the department more efficient.

SF2252 establishes a Public Safety Advisory Board within CJJP. The original draft changed the membership of the Criminal & Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council, making it law enforcement "heavy". Senator Kreiman sponsored an amendment removing those changes, leaving the rest of the bill intact. The bill is now on the agenda of the House Judiciary Committee. Stageberg expects the bill to pass and make the funnel. The bill includes language that states that CJJP will not fulfill the responsibilities of the new board unless resources are provided for two additional staff.

Changes have been made to detention data collection & analysis that include online collection to populate the Justice Data Warehouse (JDW). Older data from 2003 through March, 2009, have been combined with the newer information allowing for historical analysis and comparisons. New reports have been developed that include monthly, quarterly, and yearly detention information based on calendar and state fiscal years. Forty-eight hour holds can now be tracked as well.

V. National Update

JJDPA Reauthorization

Judge Stephen Clarke reported he received an email from the Coalition on Juvenile Justice encouraging state advisory groups (SAG's) to contact senators regarding reauthorization. Morris requested staff to draft a letter for his signature and urged members to send individual letters if they were comfortable in doing so. There was consensus from the group.

OJJDP Administrator Appointment

Musel reported that the individuals being considered for administrator have withdrawn their names. The federal agency continues to be run by the acting administrator.

Andrew Allen reported that the Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) meets in May and is working on a draft report to the President and Congress. Allen will provide a draft copy to the group for comments and suggestions. If Reauthorization occurs, it would extinguish the FACJJ from writing the report.

VI. Council Budget

Kile Beisner reported that the Council has expended \$16,886.88, approximately half of the total budget, leaving a balance of \$13,113.12. She noted that the expenditures were primarily for DMC conference attendance and other travel by Council and sub-committee members. She thought the expenditure amount was appropriate since it is midway through the federal fiscal year.

Upcoming Travel: CJJ Spring Conference - Action

Musel noted there is standing approval to send the Chair and one staff member to the CJJ Spring Conference in Washington, DC. Morris reported he is unable to attend and appointed Andrew Allen as his designee. Steve Michael will be the staff person assigned, primarily because he will be attending another conference in DC following the CJJ conference.

Musel reminded the Council of upcoming conferences: Risky Business on May 4 and Whispers & Screams on May 27-28. Both conferences will be held in Ames. There is standing approval for travel, lodging, meals, and registration for Council members who attend either conference.

VII. Compliance Monitoring Report

Musel stated that OJJDP has acknowledged receipt of the Compliance Monitoring Report. Approval is not usually received until the late fall/early spring. He will begin visiting facilities in April to review compliance.

VIII. Executive Committee Election/Appointment – Action

Musel reviewed that due to the resignation of Barb Edmondson, an opening exists for Vice Chair. He reviewed the existing membership of the Executive Committee: Chair, Jim Morris; Vice Chair, Vacant; Policy & Program Committee Chair, Carl Smith; Grants Committee Chair, Christy Burkhart; and two at-large members, John Wauters and Paul Kraus.

Morris opened the floor for nominations. **Judge Stephen Clarke nominated Lori Rinehart. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken and Lori Rinehart was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.**

Rinehart thanked the Council.

IX. Position Papers – Action

Morris reviewed that during the Implementation Committee meeting, there was a discussion regarding the use of the position papers. In reviewing the minutes from past JJAC meetings, he realized the Council had never authorized use by other entities. A brief discussion was held regarding public domain and public records.

Linda Svoboda moved to adopt the papers and allow use by other entities, seconded by Tony Reed. The motion passed unanimously.

X. P&P Committee: Budget – Action

In the absence of Carl Smith, Policy & Program Committee Chair, Eric Sage reviewed the anticipated funding amounts and projected budgets. The total funding projected for FFY2010 is \$1,675,452.

John Wauters moved to approve the budget contingent upon the award of the anticipated funding amounts, seconded by Linda Svoboda. The motion was unanimously approved.

The council recessed for lunch.

XI. RFP for DMC Resource Center - Action

Verne Johnson, RFP Committee Chair, acknowledged committee members for their efforts: John Wauters, Rita Ferneau, John Spinks, Wayne Clinton, Marcy Mendenhall, Carl Smith, Eric Sage, Paul Stageberg, Kile Beisner, Dave Kuker, and Jim Morris.

Kuker thanked Johnson for his leadership and presented an overview of the contents of the RFA for the DMC Resource Center concept and the RFA for Cultural Competency Training. He reviewed the point criteria for each RFA.

Judge Stephen Clarke moved to approve the Request for Application Related to Disproportionate Minority Contact for the DMC Resource Center, seconded by Karen Jones. The motion was unanimously approved.

Molly McAndrew moved to approve the Request for Application Related to Disproportionate Minority Contact for the Cultural Competency Training Initiative, seconded by Linda Svoboda. The motion was unanimously approved.

XII. Mental Health Committee: future charge and focus – Action

Eric Sage reviewed that \$60,000 has been budgeted for a joint pilot project with the Department of Human Services for a systems approach regarding children's mental health in Polk and Warren Counties. A mental health professional in detention will help refer kids with mental health symptoms/diagnoses to other resources (Medicaid/Title XIX).

The current Mental Health in Detention and Shelter Committee was assembled for the purpose of working on mental health issues in detention and shelter. Sage is wondering if the Council wants to change the emphasis to reflect mental health and substance abuse as co-occurring disorders. While the committee hasn't been meeting for some time, current membership includes representatives from shelter and detention, parents, and AEA personnel. Council members include Carl Smith, Tony Reed, and Lori Rinehart.

Discussion included that the addition of substance abuse could further dilute funds. Court approaches are divided—there is a distinct difference between drug courts and mental health courts.

Andrew Allen noted that nationally, substance abuse and mental health are frequently referred to in unison. He thinks it's important because alcohol and drug use contributes to so much delinquency.

Further discussion included:

- changing the name of the committee to include substance abuse,

- the lack of funding allocated by counties and the state to maintain quality mental health facilities,
- issues surrounding a shortage of psychiatrists, and
- staff training.

The Council should remain concerned and provide resources—whether its attention, concern, or acknowledgement that there is a problem. A system is needed to provide access to treatment and/or care once a kid leaves detention or shelter. The committee could examine policy.

Morris suggested the committee review its focus and recommend to the Council if they wish to consider changing the committee name. Sage responded that there currently is no committee chair. John Wauters agreed to become chair.

XIII. DMC Report

In the absence of DMC Committee Chair, Wayne Clinton, Kuker reported on current activities. He noted that work has primarily focused on the RFA's. However, during the December meeting, there was concern regarding the continuation of a statewide conference, especially with the contract extension only going through June 30. Since then, the RFP Committee has suggested hosting a conference in April.

After further discussion, the Council agreed to table the request until the next meeting. The reason for doing so is to obtain further information during the April DMC Committee meeting.

XIV. JDAI Report

Kuker reviewed the recent JDAI progress report submitted to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The report noted a 40% reduction in detention although overrepresentation has not reduced. Focus during the next year will be policy change.

Implementation Committee Report

The Governor has seated an Implementation Committee to implement the recommendations of the Governor's Youth Race and Detention Task Force. The first meeting was held in mid-February.

XV. Gender Report

In the absence of Lori Rinehart, who had to depart early, Scott Musel distributed a draft letter to the editor from Kathy Nesteby, Coordinator of the Iowa Task Force for Young Women. A brief discussion was held regarding the content. It was agreed that Jim Morris would work with Nesteby to redraft the letter.

XVI. ICYD Annual Report

Steve Michael reviewed the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (ICYD) annual report that was submitted to the Governor and legislative leadership on February 1. ICYD has established priority issues and recommended actions to address the graduation rate and focus on underperforming schools and communities. State agencies have committed staff time and leadership to the process. Communities that have been identified include: Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Storm Lake, Des Moines, Perry, Sioux City, and Waterloo. These communities have been meeting to discuss barriers and successes.

Judge Clarke suggested extending an invitation to juvenile court officials.

XVII. Committee on Compulsory Education (Linda Svoboda)

Linda Svoboda distributed copies and reviewed the recommendations from the Compulsory Age Attendance Report by the Iowa Department of Education. The Report was provided to the General Assembly as required by Senate File 478, Section 160. The purpose was to review supports for students if the compulsory attendance age was increased from 16 to 18 years of age.

XVIII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the Council.

XIX. New Business

John Wauters discussed how mandatory budget reductions have required a statewide reduction in juvenile court officers and clerical staff. Meanwhile, a federal mandate requires monthly visits with youth/families and proper case documentation. If violations were found, the State could be required to reimburse the federal government several million dollars.

He asked for Council support so that others might recognize the economic impact. He voiced concerns regarding timely responses to kids and families. School budget reductions will further complicate things because liaison officers, who are funded by schools, also work with at-risk kids.

A status quo budget still means cuts through staff reduction or furloughs. Wauters did not want the system to fail young people. He asked the Council to address the issue and offered to further review the matter with those interested.

Morris agreed to meet with Wauters to draft a statement that the Council could adopt.

XX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held June 3, 2010.

XXI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Rinker-Lind
Administrative Secretary

Attachment